

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 June 2021

212,461

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 30 June 2021

5,528

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

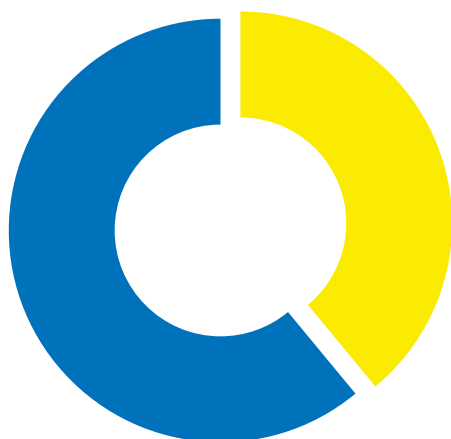
5,111

Newborns registered in 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 22 JUNE 2021)

USD 149.6 M

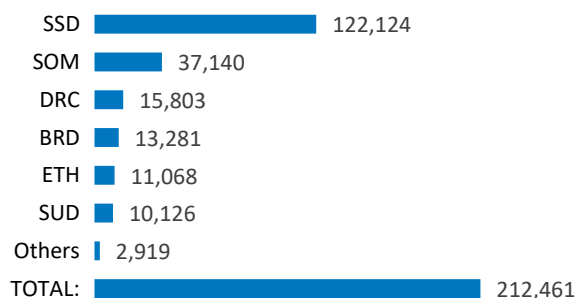
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 61%
91.26 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 JUNE 2021)

Country of origin



SSD – South Sudan
SOM – Somalia
DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo
BRD – Burundi
ETH – Ethiopia
SUD - Sudan

COVID-19 FIGURES

1,774

Individuals received first dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine in Kakuma

632

Individuals received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Kakuma



Learners (refugee and host) at Our Lady secondary school pose with tablets donated to the school by various donors through UNHCR. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- As a commitment to support Education for children in host Community schools, UNHCR, on 08 June 2021, handed over various ICT equipment to schools through the Turkana West Sub-County Director for Education to support Education technology initiatives and Enrolment through KEMIS. The ICT equipment handed over were 3 KEMIS desktop computers, 9 KEMIS Tablets, 30 Microsoft Digital Tablets and 4 Kolibri Laptops.



UNHCR's Head of Sub Office and the Sub County Director for Education, Turkana West Sub County, hands over ICT equipment to teachers and girls from Our Lady's Girls Secondary School in Kakuma town. UNCR/Samuel Otieno

- In June, UNHCR's Health partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), conducted Eye Care exercise targeting schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 150(66 female)) learners were screened out of which 29(13 female) were referred to clinic 7 for further medical intervention.
- COVID-19 vaccination exercise, supported by the Ministry of Health, is ongoing at the Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma camp. Thus far, 1,774 individuals including 1,207 persons of concern meeting MoH set criteria for the first phase of vaccination, have received COVID-19 vaccines. 632 of them have received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- In June, UNHCR facilitated seven refugee athletes from Kakuma to participate in the Kenya Under-20 (U20) athletics trials which will take place in Eldoret/Iten

from 1 July 2021, ahead of the World Athletics Under-20 Championships due August 17 to 22, 2021.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered **10,639 new arrivals** including **5,111 new-borns**. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- Registration activities remains suspended in Kakuma.
- **Durable solutions:** Cumulatively, 85 cases of 394 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in Norway, Germany and Sweden in 2021.
- Twenty-nine cases comprising of 89 individuals have departed for resettlement in Canada, the United States of America and Sweden in 2021.
- In 2021, 92 cases comprising of 331 individuals were repatriated to Burundi in four movements through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation programme (VolRep). The five movements took place on 26th April, 10th, 17th and 24th May, and 28th June 2021 through direct flights from Kakuma to Bujumbura.
- Cumulatively, in 2021, a total of 216 cases of 398 individuals have been assisted to resettle in third countries through complementary pathways activities.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 25 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received and reviewed, and feedback provided to Danish Refugee Council, UNHCR's Child Protection partner, for action.
- During the month, an Inter-Agency Best Interest Determination panel was conducted virtually in which 7 child protection cases were discussed.
- In June, 33 parents in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement attended a two-day training on; positive parenting and disciplining, life skills, Early detection of stress in children and Early childhood development.
- Several awareness sessions were held on child labour with the refugee and host business community to sensitize on the law protecting children against child labour and effects of child labour.
- A community Based Child Protection Committee was established, and a meeting conducted to sensitize them on their role in the community. The committee comprises of various interest groups including persons living with disability, religious leaders, youth representatives, CRC focal teachers, community leaders and cultural leaders drawn from a representation of all the community members living within the Kakuma 1 area.

- Kakuma operation joined the world in marking two important calendar days: Day of the African Child and the World Day against Child Labour. On both occasions, refugees and the host community took part in events to mark the two days in strict observance on COVID-19 guidelines and protocols.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** FIDE, world chess governing body, is currently engaging UNHCR on the possibility of implementing Chess activities in Kakuma. During the month, Kakuma chess players were engaged in a consultation to determine the proficiency levels and also discuss the proposed project.
- 772 Girls (621 from Kakuma and 151 from Kalobeyei) were reached through Peer-to-Peer meetings. Some of the topics covered include coping with COVID-19, menstrual hygiene and cycle, and effects of early pregnancies.
- A total of 295 girls participated in mentorship sessions on life skills. Topics covered include gender, standing up for yourself, liking yourself, saying no to sex, and sexual violence.
- 100 (62 male and 38 female) individuals in Kakuma and Kalobeyei benefitted from basic digital literacy training in June 2021.
- In June, 3,981 (2901 male, 1080 female) youth participated in indoor games aimed at keeping youth and adolescents constructively engaged while nurturing their talents in sports as a protection tool.
- UNHCR and partners distributed 30 (size 4) footballs to under-14 football teams for boys and girls in Kalobeyei and 15 (size 5) balls for open-age teams in support of the ongoing tournaments.
- 16 football teams competing in the Kakuma premier league were supported with sports gear including balls, goalkeeper uniform and training cones each.
- 7 female football teams competing in the Kakuma divas league teams received assorted football equipment including 30 pairs each of chest guard and sports compressors.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** During the month, protection partners identified 79 new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In June, UNHCR hosted various donor delegations including the Assistant High Commissioner of Canada to Kenya, FCDO, ECHO, PRM with interests in education focused on COVID-19 response initiatives.
- To improve quality of curriculum delivery in pre-primary and primary schools in the camp, LWF with support from UNHCR and Porticus introduced 21 qualified Kenyan primary school teachers and 13 pre-primary schoolteachers into refugee

schools. They joined 21 teacher tutors supported by BPRM and over 600 refugee teachers to continue term two curriculum implementation in the 21 primary schools.

- 37(20 male, 17 female) children with disabilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement were identified and referred to the Educational Assessment and Resource Centre for functional assessment to place them in schools or further referral them for specialized; of the 37, 12 children were referred to IRC for specialized treatment and the rest placed in schools.
- Finn Church Aid, UNHCR partner for primary school education in Kalobeyei settlement, facilitated a one -day training led by the Ministry of Health for 264 teenage girls and mothers from primary schools in Kalobeyei.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- During the month of June, a total of Kshs. 118 million was disbursed to 41,451 households reaching a total of 196,477 persons of concern in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.
- 68 percent of the disbursed cash was meant for the purchase of Core Relief Items (CRIs) (soap, sanitary pads and pants), 21 percent for energy, 10 percent for the construction of concrete houses and 1 percent was cash for work (CFW) paid to refugees engaged in short assignments with UNHCR.
- UNHCR continues to support the provision of permanent shelter through cash. A total of 147 houses were constructed during the month, accommodating a total of 147 families (859 individuals).
- In June, 68 new bank accounts were opened for refugees in Kakuma camp. Cumulatively, a total of 41,500 bank accounts are operational in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement to facilitate UNHCR's CBI.
- 36.6 million (33% of CBI cash disbursed during the reporting period) was disbursed to women of reproductive age (11 – 50 years) who constitute 34 percent of population of concern (67,392 persons). This is cash support to purchase additional soap, sanitary pads, and pants aimed at improving the dignity of women by empowering them to make choices on how to spend the cash for the intended purpose.



Achievements and Impact

- In June, 388 skilled deliveries were recorded at the various health facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement compared to 354 in May.
- A total of 412 mental health consultations were conducted by UNHCR partners during the reporting period.
- A total 85 (non-COVID-19) cases, mainly emergency cases in need of specialized care not available in Kakuma and for diagnostic imaging services such as CT scan to assist in management of various health conditions, were referred from health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Of the 85, 78 cases were referred to Kakuma Mission, 5 to Lodwar Referral Hospital, 1 to Eldoret and Nairobi respectively.
- In June, 13 new COVID-19 cases were identified in Kakuma. Cumulatively, 1,019 COVID-19 positive cases had been confirmed in Kakuma as of 30 June 2021, from a cumulative sample size of 11,661.
- As of 30th June, there were 3,750 individuals admitted in the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. These are mainly newly arrived refugees.
- The COVID-19 vaccination exercise continued at the Ammusait General Hospital and Kakuma Mission Hospital. As of 30th June 2021, 1,774 individuals had received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and a further 632 of them have received a second dose. Among those who have received the first dose include 567 are humanitarian staff and 1,207 are persons of concern.
- One confirmed case of cholera was reported on 16th June from the host community living in Natukobenyo village. UNHCR is coordinating a joint response with the health and WASH partners, including refresher training for water quality monitors, hygiene promoters and community health volunteers.
- The government led 10 days measles campaign kicked off on 26th June 2021. The exercise targets more than 30,000 children in Kakuma and Kalobeyei aged between 9 months and 59 months.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is needed to fast track the registration and allocation of shelter for individuals who have completed their quarantine at the reception centres. This will decongest the centres and avert outbreaks or upsurges of diseases of public health importance at the reception centres.
- The 4th wave of COVID-19 infection witnessed in the western region of the country could easily spread to Kakuma and Kalobeyei given the extensive movement of people between the two locations. UNHCR and partners have increased surveillance to avert any upsurge with the camp.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- 438 (60% increase) children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) program in June 2021 as compared to 273 in May.
- The Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) which targets children with moderate malnutrition reached a total of 1,111 children across the health facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyi Settlement. This represents 27% increase compared to May.
- The targeted supplementary feeding program reached 42 pregnant and lactating women. The blanket supplementary feeding program was not conducted during the month under review.
- In June, 32 severely malnourished children were admitted at the Stabilization Centre in Kakuma 4. Cure rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Six Orphans and other vulnerable continued to be supported with breast milk substitutes.
- The partners continued to provide health education to the pregnant and lactating women and parents of children during the nutrition distribution sessions while observing the COVID-19 guidelines. More than 10,328 individuals were reached in the month of June.
- The 59 support groups (56 mother-to-mother support groups and 3 father-to-father support groups) facilitated meetings which reached 1,010 beneficiaries, 16 of them attending for the first time. The support group members continued screening and referring malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. Out of the 66 children referred from family MUAC (Mid-upper arm circumference) screening, 23 were enrolled to the OTP, 33 to the SFP and only 10 children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.
- Two trainings were conducted in June, MIYCN refresher reaching 15 MYICN Assistants and IMAM refresher reaching 50 Nutrition Assistants.
- The Vitamin A supplementation program (Malezi Bora) commenced in Kakuma in June targeting children aged 6 months to 59 months. Nutritional screening using the MUAC approach was conducted, and children identified as malnourished were enrolled into the supplementary feeding program.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been an observed increase in admissions and mortalities at the stabilization centre attributed to the rise in cases of watery diarrhoea, respiratory illnesses and malaria. UNHCR and partners are working together to improve the inter-agency referral time and staffing at the stabilization centre. Nutritional screening activities have been intensified in the camp with use of family MUAC screening for early identification of children at risk of malnutrition. More suggestions are being reviewed and adopted by the nutrition technical working group.
- There is ongoing food rationing with current food basket at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day. This will have a direct effect on the food security in both Kakuma and Kalobeyi. There is hence need for

increased surveillance to ensure all new cases of malnutrition are detected early and linked to care and follow-up.

- There is a need to upscale communication activities aimed at behaviour change to ensure the person of concern can choose and utilise locally available foods in the market that provide maximum nutrients to them and their children. This can be achieved through community dialogue sessions, activities in schools such as food/agriculture clubs and use of youth influencers.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- A total of Kshs 19,606,356 was disbursed to families in Kakuma camp as CBI for cooking energy for the May-June-July Cycle. Kshs 3,427,116 was paid to Kalobeyi Settlement residents for June-July Cycle. Cumulatively, 195,832 individuals (40,669 individuals in Kalobeyi and 155,163 i in Kakuma) benefited from the CBI for Engery programme.
- An Energy Consultant compiled and submitted draft Electrical distribution network drawings, solar designs for health facilities to be solarized under COVID-19 Energy Response fund and Energy Efficiency reports to UNHCR for review.
- Electrical works at Turkana West University Campus were completed in June; the University campus now has power from the solar system.
- A total of 431.94 MTs of firewood were received at the firewood storage unit in Kakuma 4. These will later be distributed for use at various institutions and to child-headed families not enrolled in the CBI for Energy programme.
- A total of 69.14MTs of firewood were distributed to institutions in Kakuma and Kalobeyi as follows: 40.38MTs to schools and the reception centres, and 28.76MTs to support relocation of POCs.
- 17.38MTs of firewood were distributed to Child Headed Households in Kakuma camp and 3.53MTs to Child Headed Households in Kalobeyi settlement.
- In June, 243 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced, and 233 stoves distributed to POC's and 81 Stoves distributed to old replacement cases.
- 26,700 tree seedlings were produced & propagated in June cumulatively in all the tree nurseries and 24,062 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- In the month of June, 749 (504 female) individuals were reached on forest conservation and management awareness.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Expanding existing mini-grids and develop new mini-grids to connect more refugees, institutions and businesses.

- Phase out diesel generators in the longterm and introduce solar energy systems for community & Organizational facilities such as boreholes, field posts, schools, hospitals, and offices.
- Introduction of affordable, reliable, sustainable, cleaner and energy efficient cooking energy solutions (i.e. use of improved cookstoves, Briquettes, LPG, pellets, bioethanol etc.) to lower the energy bill is essential. At the same time, UNHCR requires major funds to increase the CBI for the energy component.
- Extend the land covered by existing greenbelts and establishing new green belts in Kakuma & Kalobeyei. The rehabilitated areas will serve as a buffer zones for the refugee and host community given the current environmental degradation.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- 200 people at the reception centre in Kalobeyei were reached through an open defecation triggering sessions conducted by CLTS.
- In June, a total of 48 new communal latrines were constructed in Kalobeyei settlement (31) and Kakuma camp (17).
- 21 Community Led Total Sanitation facilitators were trained on Menstrual Hygiene Management in Kakuma camp.
- 2 community dialogues on Menstrual Health Hygiene were conducted to a group of 20 men and women in Kakuma 1.
- Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) triggering conducted at 15 blocks prone to cholerae outbreaks in Kakuma 1.
- In June, 871 households in Kalobeyei and 2,113 in Kakuma were reached with messages on proper waste management.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- In June, 130 Transitional shelters were constructed for 288 individuals (113 households), mainly newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, bringing to a total of 1,028 shelters constructed this in 2021.
- A total 120 family tents were installed in Kalobeyei for flood victims consisting of 120 households of 376 individuals.
- UNHCR, through National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), has embarked on securing of flood zones in Kakuma camp with the delivery of 3,860 tonnes of

boulders spread along the banks of the Nabek river near Don Bosco Vocational Training Institute.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held virtually using Microsoft Teams platform.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **58.34 million** US dollars.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Kenya operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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